

RAY OF HOPE



Volunteers from AmeriCorps and the Christian Contractors Assoc. on Friday unload parts of Gaynelle Acker's new home that will be built on her property at Ballentine St. in Bay St. Louis. The home is manufactured by Allen Associates of Santa Barbara, Ca., and donated through their efforts and those of more than 200 Santa Barbara volunteers and Habitat for Humanity.

Rebuilding begins in Bay

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Rebuilding has officially begun in the city of Bay St. Louis.

"This was the first (post-Katrina) building permit issued in Bay St. Louis," local contractor Eddie Clark from the Ballentine St. site of Gaynelle Acker's once, and future home. "It's a ray of hope for this area, you know? A little bit of sunshine - let people start seeing some hope around here. 'Hey, we can re-do this. It's a mess, but we can rebuild.'"

Through a mutual friend, Clark got in touch with Ian Cronshaw of Santa Barbara, Ca. Cronshaw is vice-president of Allen Associates, a construction which manufactures homes and wanted to donate one to a victim of Hurricane Katrina.

The difficult part, Clark said, was figuring out who would get it: "To pick somebody out was a hard decision. We asked God to help us."

Cronshaw and Allen Associates got help from almost 200 volunteers in the Santa Barbara area to help with the project - dubbed "Katrina House" - including the Crane Country Day School, the local chapter of the Habitat for Humanity, the city mayor and a congresswoman.

"It was really a great, great experience," Cronshaw said Friday. "People were excited by the idea because they wanted to send money, but they didn't know where the money was going."

Cronshaw said a student from a local Montessori school had raised more than \$10,000 for the effort by holding a bake sale.

The beginning of the construction process Friday was a bittersweet



René Acker, Gaynelle's brother, views the new Creole-style cottage being built on his sister's site as "a blessing."



Ian Cronshaw of Allen Associates, left, and William Williams, Gaynelle Acker's son-in-law.

site where the Creole style home could be built, a process which took about more than four-and-a-half weeks. Then it was taken down piece by piece and delivered to the Acker property on Friday. Volunteers from AmeriCorps and the Christian Contractors Assoc. helped unload the truck. The Christian Contractors also dug the footers for the home and will help put it together.

Cronshaw said the home is rated to withstand a Category 5 hurricane.

The beginning of the construction process Friday was a bittersweet

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and place, because I was always here," he said, "but I'm sure happy Gaynelle's getting this new one. It's a blessing, I tell you. This here's a blessing."

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TWO TENTS



Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher
Armand Codianne and a couple of friends he met after the storm, FEMA Man and the Witch, outside the tent where they now live at N. Bourgeois St. in Waveland. Codianne has a second tent for "storage." He's been homeless since Hurricane Katrina, a situation compounded by his battle with multiple sclerosis.

Waveland man is tired of camping and bureaucracy

BY GEOFF
BELCHER
News Editor

Seventy-six days after his Waveland home was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, Armand Codianne is still living in a tent and quite frankly, he said Thursday, "I'm tired of camping out."

Codianne's dilemma is compounded by the fact that he suffers from multiple sclerosis, a debilitating condition which he says makes even normal life challenging.

Unlike a lot of other people who've been told by the Federal Emergency Management Agency that they're "on a list" to get a FEMA trailer, Codianne says he's been denied outright.

"Basically, the thing is that FEMA can't give me assistance until the Small Business Administration files their stuff and the insurance company files their stuff – I'm kind of between everything."

"I think one of the biggest problems is that right after the storm, I stayed (with some friends) in Baton Rouge," Codianne said. "That was only for a few days, but the FEMA guy said 'You have a place to stay so you don't need a trailer.'

"Well, not really. I mean, it's like dead fish – after a few days, you really start to stink. There's only so long you can be a guest. You need your own place."

Codianne fears he's

fallen through the cracks, a place where he can't afford to be with just a monthly disability check.

"At this point, I'm just waiting for a letter of denial from the SBA," he said. "If they deny me in writing, then maybe I can get a grant."

Or at least get the ball rolling so he can get some help from some source, somewhere.

One good thing about the storm for Codianne is that he's made a new "friend," a stuffed dummy which he has dubbed "FEMA Man," who rides shotgun with him just about everywhere he goes. When he introduces the dummy as FEMA Man, a sly grin is the only editorial comment he offers.

Youth Development and Boys and Girls Club re-open

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The program will now be located at Waveland Elementary in Waveland, MS off St. Joseph Street. The office is located in Room 23 of the Right Wing of Waveland Elementary School Building.

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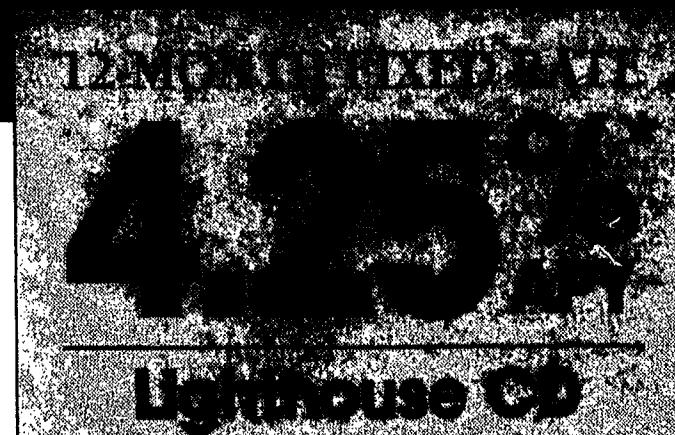
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Ponderings

by James R. "Randy"
Ponder
Editor and Publisher

Action, not politics

Live in Hancock County? Have a nice, new, expensive home? You probably feel pretty good with the knowledge your house was built to all the latest codes and standards. You had better think again. There are no building codes in Hancock County. The only thing required is a building permit. The electrician that wired your house did not have to be licensed. Even if he was licensed, he did not have to adhere to any codes. Think about that tonight when you put the kids to bed and turn off the lights. No building codes. Gee, I wonder if Bubba knew what he was doing when he wired your house, or if he used the correct wire, breakers, etc? Hopefully he was not running a little short on money or time and actually did the job correctly. I certainly do not know, and neither do you. No one checked.

The mass destruction left behind from Hurricane Katrina has handed our elected officials the perfect opportunity to correct this enormous county-wide problem, the lack of building codes.

Several years ago, there was another opportunity. A missed opportunity as it turned out. There was a big push, endorsed by many civic groups, to adopt some sort of building codes. Several public informational meetings were held and many citizens attended. There was also much misinformation circulated by certain groups opposed to building codes. People were afraid they would have to spend thousands and thousands of dollars to bring their property up to any new codes. That was not the case. Any existing structures would have been "grandfathered in."

Our county board of supervisors knew the need for building codes. They also understood the reason for most of the opposition. Three of the five members of that board were reportedly in favor of passing a building code ordinance, one was opposed and one undecided. They had an opportunity to implement building codes, but they did not. We go to the polls to elect people to represent us. We entrust these elected officials to make the tough decisions which must be addressed. Instead, our supervisors took the easy way out and did nothing.

A petition drive ensued and the building code proposal was eventually placed on a ballot, an election was held. With all the negative publicity and lack of action by the supervisors, the proposal had about as much a chance of passing as I do of being welcome at the next supervisor's meeting. The issue failed, with about 70 percent of the votes cast in opposition. It was the second time the issue had been voted down, by almost identical percentages.

Must the state or federal government step in and make the decision for us? Must the state or federal government mandate building codes and take the matter out of the hands of our local officials? That is exactly what will happen if we do not act on our own. Then our elected officials can tell their constituents that Big Brother is to blame. Someone else takes the heat and becomes the possible scapegoat.

Let's put the issue on a little more personal level. Think of your own family members, maybe your mother. Perhaps her home was destroyed in the hurricane and must be rebuilt. She, like everyone, deserves to be protected from unscrupulous contractors who might come into this area and try to take advantage of our citizens in their time of great need. Building codes will help protect your family members.

Please contact your supervisor and insist that building codes be placed at the very top of their agenda. It is critical to the long-term well-being of Hancock County.

It's way past time for playing politics. It's time for action.

We must have building codes now. We must not allow this opportunity to slip away again.

Here's food for thought ...

I feel some serious thinking should be done by FEMA before closing down the several groups who are offering free meals in Hancock County.

There is no question about the necessity in having commerce return to our destructed communities. At the same time, many things need to be taken into consideration.

Since we have received a FEMA travel trailer and returned home on a permanent basis, Jane and I have taken advantage of several free meals at the Bookert St. site.

Who do we see there?

There are others like us trying to work on our homes, salvaging things we can and discarding others.

This is a pre-dawn to post-dusk job. When would we have time to prepare three meals a day?

Others travel long distances to meet adjusters.

Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

about the thousands who have come as volunteers. Some for a few days, weeks, or months. What will they eat?

I personally know one person who took an unpaid leave of absence to work here as a volunteer all the way from the state of New Jersey. A number of the volunteers even pay their transportation costs.

Should they be expected to pay for three meals a day for every day they volunteer to help us rebuild?

I see many locals walking, riding a bicycle,

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Good people of Hancock County:

Alabama sends our love and prayers in your time of recovery. My name is Billy Hickey. I'm from Munford, AL. My friends call me Billy Bob.

Late September my boss sent me down here to Bay St. Louis to work on a printing press. I had never seen a printing press, much less worked on one. So I took off for Bay St. Louis having seen the damage on TV. I didn't even give it a second thought. When we made the turn on 603

there was the damage we had seen on TV. OK, enough of the stuff you guys already know. It looked like a bomb went off. Man, I'll tell you, I cried. And I'll tell you the truth, I've seen more than one person, not

from around here tear up and cry. So I, along with other contractors, feel your pain.

I made several more trips down. But this last time I turned down 603, it had a different vibe. I turned down 90 to see life where one month

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'Please make a list'

I was sitting on the beach side of the slab that was all that was left of our house. A breeze had started. Ghosts of other days began filling the air around me.

"Are you Mr. La Violette?"

I turned. The person had come up the side street and parked, so I had not seen him.

"Yes, I'm La Violette."

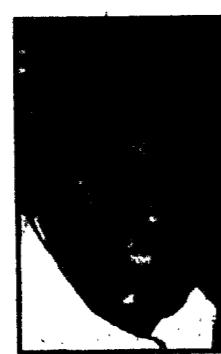
"I'm an adjuster for your Windstorm Insurance. Can I ask you a few questions and make some measurements?"

His questions were routine: how many rooms, what were they used for, which were heated, did we have an upstairs... I walked with him around the slab pointing out the area in the back that was covered by bricks so that he could see where the house ended and the driveway began.

"I'll make my measurements from what you showed me. It seems fairly clear where everything is. When you can, get together with your wife and make a list of the contents of the house and their individual values and then send it to me. The quicker you make the list and send it, the quicker we will be able to file your claim."

With that he began making measurements. I watched him for a moment and then stooped and picked up a bent fork sticking out from between some bricks. There was a broken plate close by. I knew them both very well. The fork was part of our everyday ware; the plate was from Stella's "good china," part of the dowry we had had to start our marriage thirty years ago.

The plate was a pretty piece; I'm not sure how often it had been removed from its place in



Views from a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza
LaViolette

the china closet in the dining room, maybe twenty times, maybe less. It was being saved, not used except on important occasions. After all, it might break and the pieces of the set were very expensive.

The fork was more expendable. We had used it everyday, three times a day, for thirty years. It had been involved in hundreds of meals that had ranged from pedestrian to good to, on many occasions, superb. It had stood its usage over those years very well. Now one of its tines was drastically bent.

The adjuster was calling me and I put the fork in my pocket and went to the back of the house. Things were more jumbled here. The bricks that had formed the front wall beside the house had encountered the concrete block wall at the rear and the clutter made an uneven deck to walk on.

"What was this room used for?"

"It was my shop."

He bent and made some more measurements. There were no tools in the space he was measuring. Like many of the things that were in the house, they were gone. I had found my truck a quarter of a mile from the house, upside down, crushed, its new tires pointed uselessly to the sky. My rider lawn mower was a short distance from it, equally destroyed. Here, in what had been my workshop, there were no tools.

We had built the house over a period of thirty

years using these now absent tools. The original house had been 3000 square feet. Stella and I and another friend had gradually added to it, each year adding a new room or deck, doing most of the work ourselves, arguing, sweating in the heat, until the house had become the rambling, comfortable structure it was before the storm, our home, our life.

I left the adjuster making more of his measurements and returned to the front of the house.

This past spring, Stella and I had redone much of the front veranda, adding new steps to both ends and a broad set of steps in the middle to form a grand entrance. Now the space there and where the deck had been on the side were deep gullies, dug by the water as it had retreated from the land.

There are oddities in the wreckage. To the left of the porch were two large trees that Stella and I had used to spend our afternoons, a small retreat. Now, hanging incredibly from one of the trees was Stella's hammock, battered, its wood strings broken, but essentially intact and incredibly clean.

"It was a big house."

It was the adjuster. He had finished his measurements and had come to tell me he was leaving.

I nodded and shook his hand and he started to walk across the rubble to his car.

"Oh, wait," he stopped and came back and handed me his card. "Please don't forget that list and

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Water quality study released

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The study looked for any serious short term problems with water quality.

EPA and MDEQ specifically targeted areas with the greatest potential for environmental harm because of the proximity to industrial or municipal areas. Overall, the sampling data show that few water quality criteria were exceeded during the study. In areas where elevated contamination levels were found, EPA and MDEQ will continue to evaluate the need for additional site specific studies to determine if

there are any further adverse environmental impacts. Samples collected show bacteria concentrations at or below levels EPA considers suitable for swimming.

To determine if there may be any long term effects of the hurricane, additional data will be collected and compiled with existing data.

The study encompassed major bay sys-

tems on the Mississippi coast including Bangs Lake, Bayou Casotte, the Pascagoula and West Pascagoula River systems, the Back Bay of Biloxi, St. Louis Bay, and the Pearl River.

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meeting.

Local architect Allison Anderson emphasized that the commission's intent was to give a great deal of emphasis to rebuilding the Coast's cities and towns with respect for their individual personalities, along with eco-tourism, arts, and historic preservation.

Anderson said that one of the special challenges facing the area is that post-Hurricane Katrina re-building will likely require raising many people's homes: "It may well be reality in the southern parts of (Hancock) County. It may well be reality in Diamondhead, as well."

Several people in the audience complained that they aren't sure whether they're allowed to rebuild yet or not; to what height they're required to rebuild their homes; under what criteria; and whether they'll still be eligible for affordable flood insurance.

One man complained that he had 10 professional trades people volunteer from a local church to help him rebuild, but once they had started working, they were told they had to disconnect power from the house.

"If we can't get the

bureaucratic process under control," Chris Stieffel told commission members, "we probably won't be much further in 10 years than we are right now."

"The county offices were set up to issue maybe five or six permits a week," Benvenuti said. "Now they're trying to do thousands per week. Nobody wants to hear 'be patient,' ... but that's what we have to do."

"Some people tell me that when they go to ask someone from FEMA a question," Father Sebastian Myladyllil, pastor of St. Rose Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis said, "there is no uniformity of answers given. It totally depends on who they're talking to."

Dennis Tennant, FEMA Disaster Recovery Center director for the six southern counties, said: "There should only be one answer, the right answer."

Unfortunately, he said, FEMA has had to hire a lot of new people very quickly to deal with the sheer magnitude of the disaster, so not everyone is up to speed. That's a problem the agency is working to fix quickly, he said.

Tennant also said that FEMA's updated flood zone advisory maps were

be out in the next week-to-10-days, not the 14 months that had originally been anticipated.

"The counties will have them at the end of next week," he said. "Keep in mind, it's a local decision, not FEMA's decision," what board height local governments require.

"Whatever they do is going to be all right," he said, so people won't have to worry about not being eligible for affordable flood insurance. "It's their decision. Either way, it's all right."

Others complained that they still haven't received FEMA trailers, or, if they have, they're too small for their families.

"The task of getting enough trailers into this county has just been daunting, to say the least," Tennant said. "We've tried to target people living in shelters or cars or tents."

He repeated that FEMA reps would meet individually after the meeting, and said anyone with a FEMA-related problem could go to the Disaster Recovery Center by the skate park in Waveland.

Both Hancock County and the city of Bay St. Louis have adopted four-foot freeboard height requirements for the new flood zoning. Both the county and city building offices have set up temporary facilities at the Bay St. Louis Depot, where they are assisting building permit holders and will answer questions about building height requirements. To deter-

mine the recommended height to conform to flood plain standards, property owners should come to the building offices with a copy of their elevation certificate. If you do not have a certificate, go to the building office for advice before procuring the permit.

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all of these offices is still up in the air.

"We will be opening a public office on Hwy. 603 just south of Hwy. 43. Our investigations, narcotics, and administration will be located there for the time being," Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber said.

Garber also said there will be a trailer located on Longfellow Dr. for citizens to pick up reports and make complaints. The dispatch and telecommunications center has been moved to Rocky Hill-Dedeaux Rd.

A major area of concern has been what to do about the Hancock County Jail. Currently the county has its inmates housed in the Pearl River County Jail in Millard, 59 miles north of Bay St. Louis. The county has purchased a portable jail that can house eight to ten people. Plans are to move the portable jail to the Kiln site, and allow for processing of minor offenses.

Before the storm the county jail held 95 inmates. These inmates were taken to Pearl River County. Today there is only 57 inmates in custody with just 27 of the 95 remaining from before the storm. Many of the inmates were taken by the Mississippi Department of Corrections and others have bonded out or been moved to other jails.

Thirteen corrections officers have remained on the job. Some officers have been living in a trailer that FEMA has placed at the Pearl River County Sheriff's Dept. Other corrections officers have been driving back and forth every day to assist Pearl River

County in its jail operation.

"I'm looking forward to coming back to our county," said corrections officer Terry Richter. "The people in Pearl River County have been good to us, and they are nice to work with, but it's not like being at home."

The county has been in discussion with Pearl River County about a contract that will cover the housing of the Hancock County inmates for at least a year. The contract has not been signed yet, but once it is, the corrections officers may no longer be needed at Pearl River.

"We lost nearly half of our staff in the jail because of the storm. The corrections officers that remained have done a great job under difficult circumstances. We are going to use these officers for transport and manning the portable jail once we sign a contract with Pearl River County. We do not anticipate any layoffs," Garber said.

"We still do not have a final decision of the old jail. We are going to have a jail, this county is too big for us not to. I think we could rebuild the old jail, but we need more space for the entire department," Garber said. He expects to be up and running in the new office by the end of the month.

"I would like to say that I am very proud of all of my deputies and non-commissioned employees. About 75% of our employees lost everything and they have remained on the job serving the county. They have never left their post and it's a lot about the people we have working here," Garber said.

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Bay-Waveland Yacht Club vows to return after Katrina's destruction

The BWYC Board of Governors says, "This picture will change!" At its November 5th meeting the Board voted to take important steps toward rejuvenating the Club. It approved a contract to have the grounds thoroughly cleaned of all debris, to have all damaged fences removed as well as the cement slab and pilings that were under the old club building. Holes caused by the removal of the cement slab or scoured out by storm waters will be

filled.

The Board also voted to allocate the funds necessary to purchase a large trailer to be used as a temporary Club building. It must be a trailer in order to comply with the building codes of Bay St. Louis.

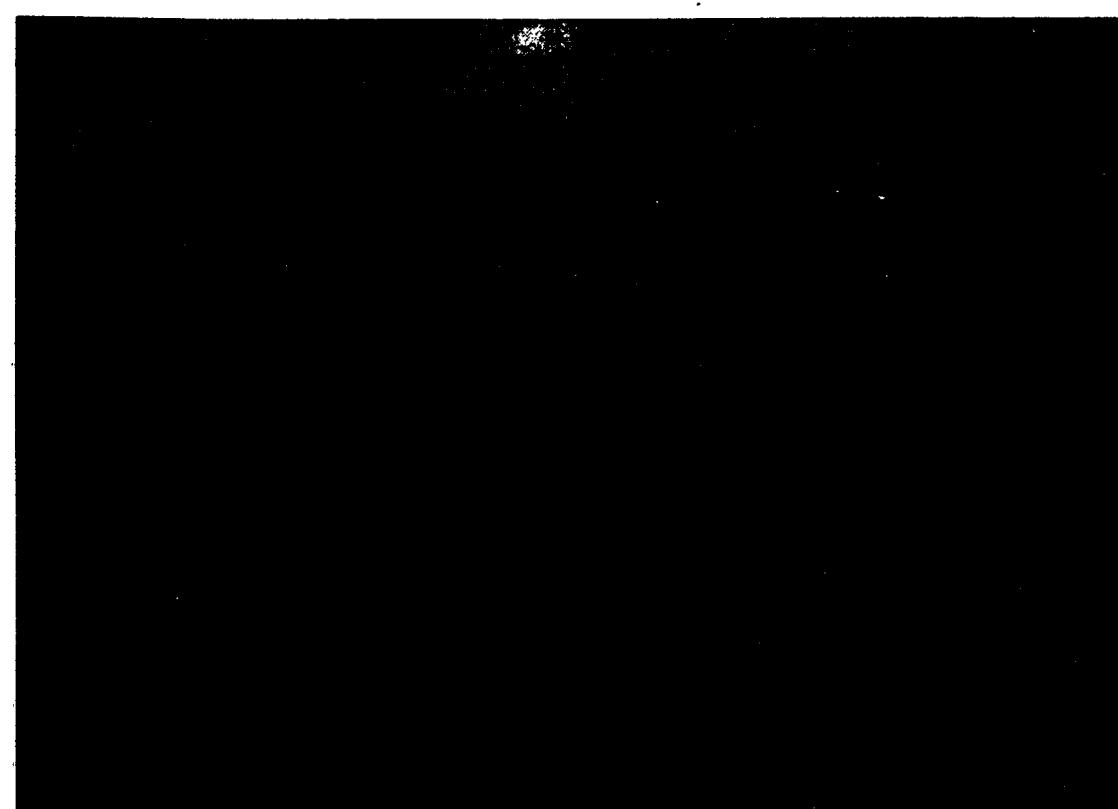
Harbor Restoration is to continue with repairs to the piers and the extension of electrical service to all slips. The Commodore, subject to the approval of the Board, is to appoint a committee to begin plans

for a permanent Club facility.

In sailing news, the Executive Committee of the Gulf Yachting Association voted to cancel the 2005 Lipton Regatta. This means that the BWYC will be the host Club for the 2006 Lipton Regatta. A second post-Katrina "Jib Sheet" will soon be mailed to all members offering additional information about the restoration of Club facilities and announcing up-coming events.

The new mailing

address for the Club is: BWYC, P.O. Box 3715, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521.



Hurricane Katrina may have wiped out the structure of the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club, but not its spirit.

Letters -- love

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prior I had my doubts there would ever be a thriving community. And, now there is hustle and bustle, supply houses (thanks guys), places to eat, heck, three or four gas stations, oh and lets not forget, three liquor stores. Man, the community wasn't down like Rocky against Appolo

Creed. Hancock County jumped back to its feet ready for round 3.

The most noticeable think I'm seeing this time is how the plants are pushing through at a time when there leaves are falling. They are fresh and green.

So, as frustrating as it is to have us clog up

every available place to eat and every store for 100 miles, bear with us.

We are working for you. So, if you get a chance, give a construction worker a hug.

I'm out for now. God bless and keep on smiling.

Billy Bob

Quotes

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or catching a ride to fetch food. Just think of how many deserving folks are served a day and there is a large number of senior citizens and youngsters.

Hey! I never thought I would ever have to eva-

uate my home because of storm damage, let alone worry about my next meal, and I am not the only one!

Eat at a soup kitchen! I have as well as hundreds of other residents.

Sure, down the road, the soup kitchens should fade away. But, that time I feel has many months before it should become a reality.

Where is your next meal coming from?

The ARTS Hancock Co. receives \$5,000 Grant

The Arts, Hancock County applied for and received a grant from The Americans for the Arts in the amount of \$5,000. The Americans for the Arts Emergency Relief Fund was established to provide timely financial assistance to victims of a major disaster for the purpose of helping them rebuild the arts in their community. Relief funds are generated by Americans for the Arts and the charitable contributions of foundations, corporations, governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, and individuals from across the country. These funds are distributed directly to local art agencies. Local art agencies may choose

to use the funds for their own recovery or for individual artists.

The Arts has deposited the funds in a special bank account: The Arts, Hancock County Disaster Relief Fund at Hancock Bank. The funds from this account will be used to assist artists in replacing art materials, supplies and equipment lost as a result of Hurricane Katrina. A committee has been established to disburse the funds. In order to simplify the process, awards will be based on information listed in the Adopt and Artist form. The term "artist" is not limited only to visual artists, but also includes writers, sculptors, musi-

cians, performing artists, and artisans. Artists who have not filled out a form may still do so. Forms and information will be available at the meeting Sunday, Nov 13 at 5:00 pm at 134 Blaize, next to Bay City Grill or at The Arts office located in the Coastal Electric conference building at 302 Hwy 90, corner of Main Street.

For more information contact: Gwen Impson at 228-263-6530 or Angela Sallis at 228-216-7725.

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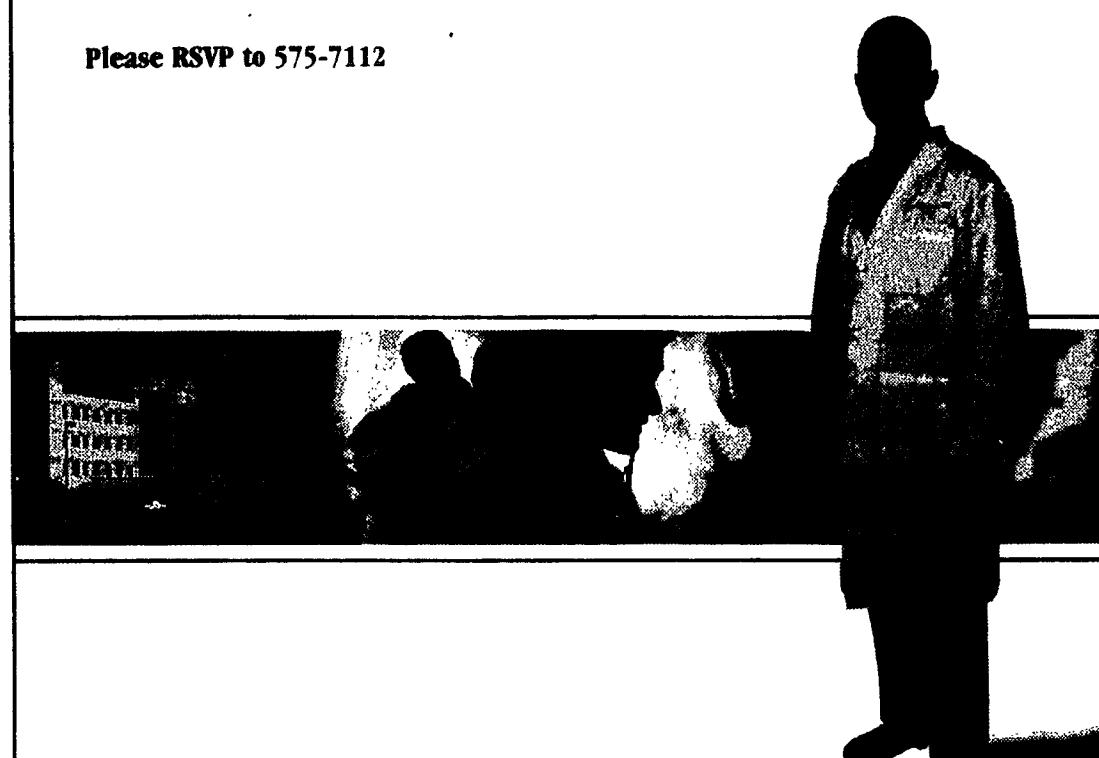
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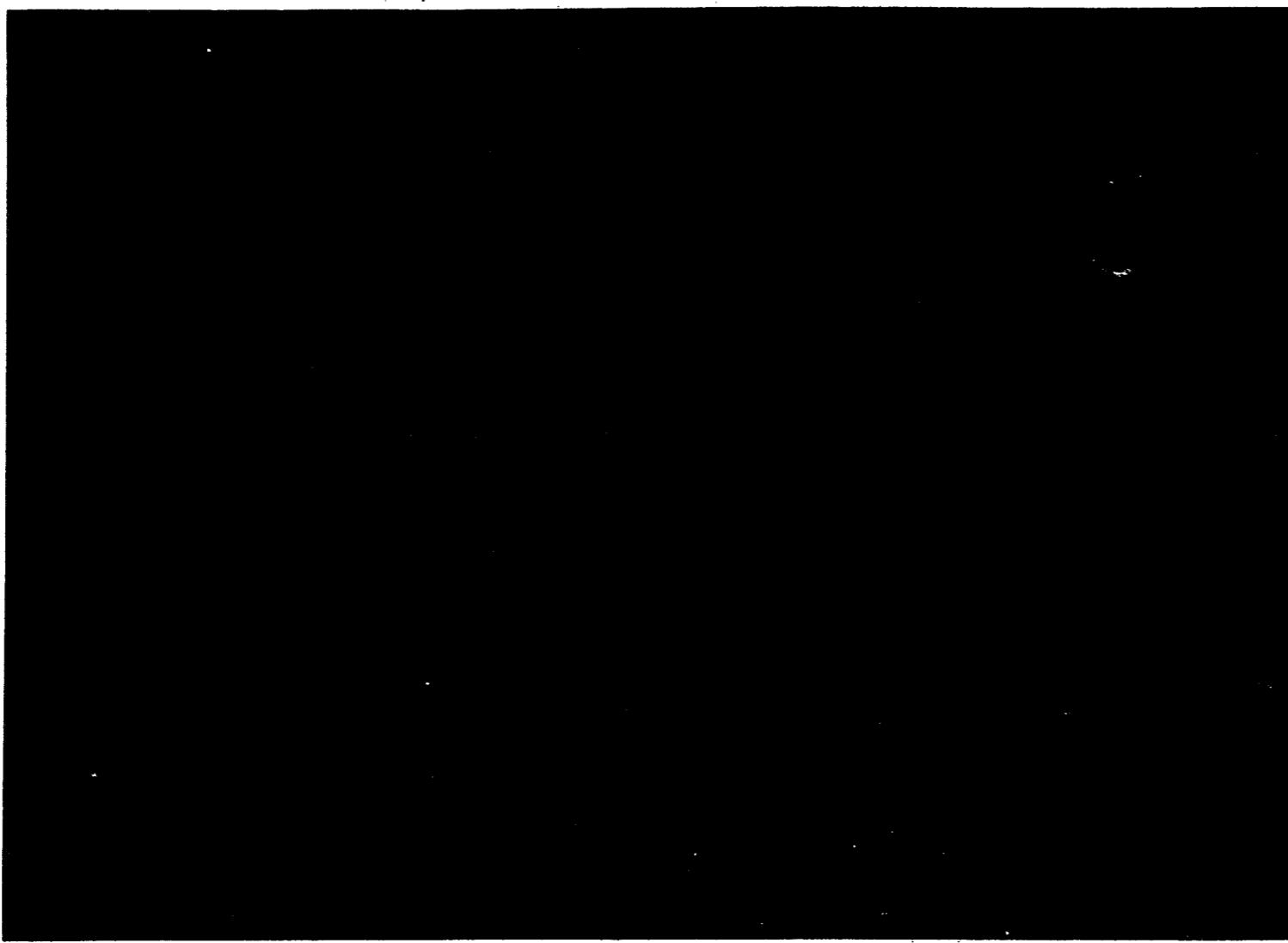
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Child's Play



This Mural was done by children that had been attending the tent school at the Bay St. Louis Sports Complex. School Board attorney Ronnie Artigues stated at Monday's school board meeting that the mural would be incorporated into any future rebuilding or renovations to the Sports Complex.

Household hazardous waste collection day set for Nov. 19

SEA COAST ECHO

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be conducting a hazardous waste collection day. They will set up a collection point at the foot of the Hwy 90 bridge from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19.

Items accepted: Aerosols, All Purpose Cleaners, Ammonia, Anti-Freeze, Automobile

Cleaners, Batteries, Brake Fluid, Charcoal Lighter Fluid, Chlorine Bleach, Detergents, Disinfectants, Drain Opener, Furniture Polish, Gasoline, Glass Cleaner, Herbicides, Insecticides, Mothballs, Motor Oil, Oven Cleaner, Paint, Paint Thinner, Pesticides, Pool Chemicals, Rodent Poisons, Rubber Cement, Rug & Upholstery Cleaner, Scouring

Powder, Silver Polish, Snail & Slug Killers, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Transmission Fluid, Tub & Tile Cleaner, Turpentine, Varnish, Water Seal, Wood Finish, Cooking Oil.

We cannot accept: Animal Manure/carcasses; Human Waste or other biological waste (anything blood related or bodily fluids); Home TVs, tubing or dialysis equipment; Sharps/Needles; Spoiled food/mold damaged items.

Household hazardous waste is unused or leftover portions of products containing toxic chemicals and any product which labeled caution, poisonous, toxic, flammable or corrosive.

A safe substitute is a

safe alternative to a toxic product. Fact sheets are available to help you reduce the use of toxics and minimize health risks.

Legal transportation is leaving products in the original containers and making sure that the containers are sealed so that they will not leak. Transport containers in the trunk or in the back of the vehicle away from passengers. Do not transport over 5 gallons or 50 pounds at one time.

Proper disposal is extremely important. It is dangerous to discard hazardous household materials in the trash or down the drain. Instead, use up the product as intended, or take the unused portions to the scheduled event.

Supervisor from Hancock County has decided to join Republican Party

SEA COAST ECHO

Jay Cuevas, a supervisor from Hancock County, switched to the Republican Party yesterday at 2:00pm. Mr. Cuevas has been contemplating the switch from the Democratic Party for sometime and made his final decision and announcement yesterday at the Mississippi Republican Party headquarters.

In his address to the State Republican Executive Committee, Mr. Cuevas said the following: "I've been a Democrat in name, but have always been a Republican at heart. I was one of those officials who thought the only

way I could get elected was by running as a Democrat. I know that I was wrong about that. This move has been a long time coming, and it has been an easy one for me to make. I look forward to working with the Republican Party for many years to come."

State Party Chairman Jim Herring stated: "Jay Cuevas switching is another sign that our state and local officials continue to make the move toward sound government. It is an honor to have Mr. Cuevas join the Republican Party and I am sure that he will continue to do a fine job as supervisor in Hancock County."

Safe found after Katrina destruction

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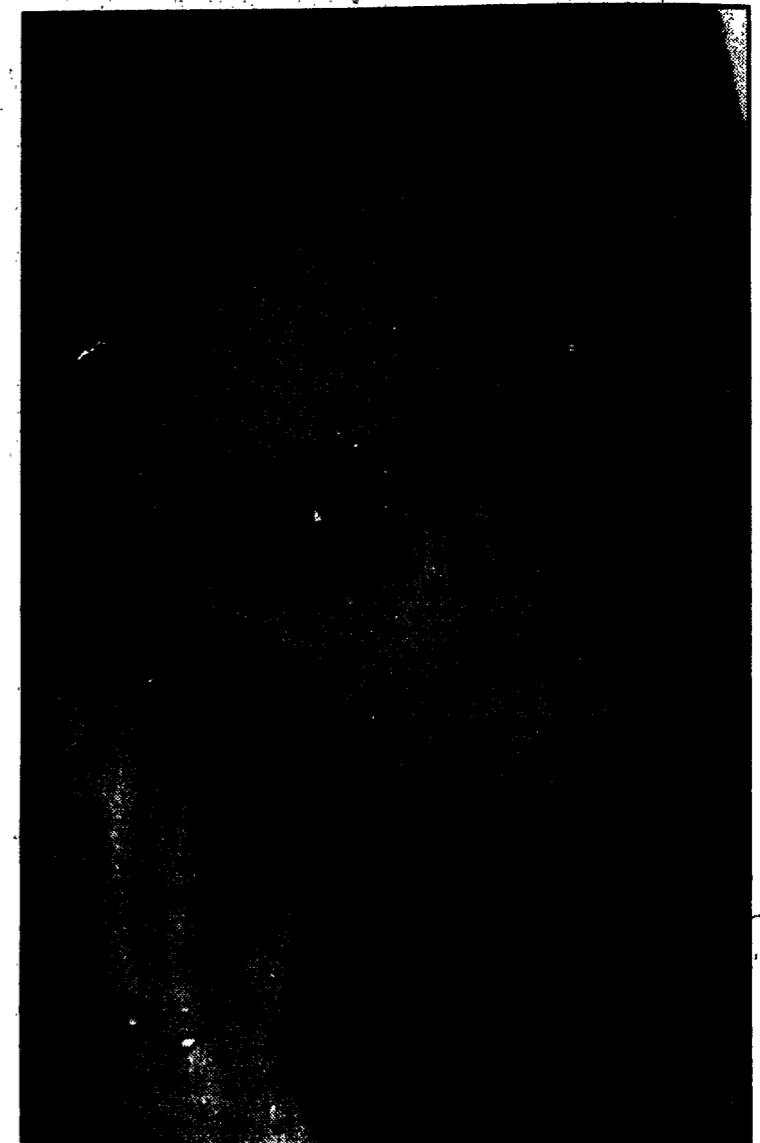
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Disaster Recovery Center opens in Pearlington

SEA COAST ECHO

A new Disaster Recovery Center opened this week in Pearlington, Hancock County, federal and state officials announced today.

Disaster victims are urged to register for assistance before visiting the center by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or (TTY) 1-800-462-7585 for those who are speech- or hearing-impaired. Individuals may also register online at www.fema.gov.

Those who have questions or who wish to follow up on their registrations may visit the center to meet with recovery specialists in person.

The Disaster Recovery Center is located in Hancock County at: Charles Murphy Elementary School, 6098 1st Street, Pearlington.

The DRC will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and closed on Sunday until further notice.

Representatives of state, federal and voluntary agencies will be on hand to answer questions and provide recovery information. Officials from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will be available to discuss disaster loans for homeowners, renters, and businesses of all sizes. Written materials about various assistance programs are also available to individuals and business owners.

Other Disaster Recovery Center locations in the coastal area are: Hancock County, S. Coast Skate Park, 118 Anderer Blvd., Waveland; Harrison County, MS Gulf Coast Com. College, 21500 B Street, Long Beach; Harrison County, Disabled American Vets Hall, 2600 23rd Ave., Gulfport; Harrison County, Biloxi Recreation Center, 591 Howard Street, Biloxi. There is fear that it is not sound and could fall and cause injury. If the structure is sound, but the inside has been flooded, or is rotting or there are other concerns, the local government can choose to condemn the building and clean it out, shutting off all utilities, boarding it up and securing it.

How long will debris be picked up at the curbside?

There are usually three passes for pick-up. The objective of the first pass is to get all the debris pushed to the side of the road and clear a way for traffic. The second pass is to pick up anything brought to the curbside and remove health and safety hazards from the right of ways such as broken telephone poles, broken signs, hanging trees and other threats. Many communities are currently conducting the second pass. A third pass is made to remove debris that has been brought curbside.

In most of the state, up?

the goal is to complete the third pass by Thanksgiving. For Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties, where there is much more debris, the goal is to complete the third pass by Christmas.

What happens to the debris after it is picked

Debris is taken to a staging and reduction site (which could be run by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, local governments, or private companies) where debris is sorted and reduced. Reduction can be done by mulching, chipping or burning vegetative debris

and baling recycled metals. Hazardous materials are separated and disposed of properly. Debris which is recyclable is recycled. Some debris is sent to a landfill. Anything that can be reused is re-used, such as mulch which can often be sold to companies who want to use it. The

goal is to process all debris at staging and reduction sites by March 1st.

How is debris burned? Burning of debris must be done in accordance with Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality guidelines. Burning takes place a proper distance away from schools, healthcare facilities and populations as required by local government ordinances. The most common method of burning is using incinerators to burn at a very high temperature. Only clean vegetative matter is burned such as tree limbs and other vegetation.



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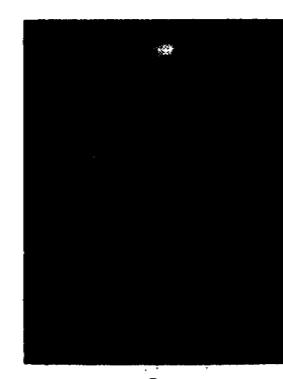
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Hancock Recovery Update

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Hancock County Statistics To-Date

Debris Removal: 1.62 million cubic yards, (22% of county debris)

FEMA individual assistance: \$91.4 million 18,433 applications approved for household assistance

FEMA public assistance: \$81.9 million

FEMA blue roofs installed: 3,548

Red Cross Mobile Kitchen:

Meals served: 403,991

Snacks served: 1.1 million

Household Hazardous Waste collected: 27,265 items

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE DEADLINE EXTENDED

The community, school districts, roads, utilities and other public facilities damaged by Hurricane Katrina may be eligible for federal or state financial assistance. Government agencies, special districts and certain private non-profit organizations that provide important services to the community are encouraged to apply before the Nov. 30, 2005 deadline.

Government agencies, special districts and private non-profits can request an application packet for disaster assistance by calling 601/965-2596 between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. or file online at www.msissippi.org. Individuals who have not registered can begin the application assistance process by calling 1-800-621-FEMA.

The public assistance program provides grant funds to eligible municipalities, government agencies and qualified non-profit organizations for costs of debris removal, emergency protective measures, road repairs, repair of water control facilities and restoration of buildings, utilities and recreational facilities.

HANCOCK COUNTY OFFICES will re-open at 8 a.m. Monday in new temporary buildings at their current location, 3068 Longfellow Drive. Also, the county phone lines will be back in service for the first time since Hurricane Katrina. Some helpful numbers are:

- Chancery Clerk - 228/467-5404
- Board of Supervisors - 228/467-0172
- Planning and Zoning - 228/467-4425

IRS BOOKLET AVAILABLE THAT EXPLAINS DISASTER LOSS CLAIMS. To

obtain an IRS Disaster Losses Kit for individuals, Publication No. 2194, call 1-800-829-3676. Businesses should request publication No. 2194-B. Taxpayers with Hurricane Katrina-related questions, including questions about filling out the forms, can call the special IRS disaster hotline at 1-866-562-5227.

THE GULF OPPORTUNITY PILOT LOAN PROGRAM is being offered by the SBA to expedite small business financing to communities severely impacted by Hurricane Katrina. For more information go to www.sba.gov/banking or call 617-276-6461.

SBA COMMUNITY EXPRESS LOAN PROGRAM CONFERENCE will be Tuesday, November 15 from 6-8 p.m. at the Gulf Coast Technology Center, 1636 Popp's Ferry Road in Biloxi. To register call Bridget Johnson at 228/463-4449 or email Bridget.Johnson@sba.gov.

DEBRIS REMOVAL SIGN-UPS Hancock County has begun right-of-entry (ROE) sign-up. If you would like the Army Corps of Engineers to remove dangerous or hazardous debris or structures from your private property, you must sign up for an ROE at one of the following locations, which are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week.

Waveland - The Building Permit Trailer temporary office is located at Central and Coleman. This is for Waveland residents only.

Kilm Public Library Bay St. Louis - Train Depot

Diamondhead - Ramada Inn, Diamondhead

Disaster Recovery Center - Hwy. 90 and Waveland Ave (Behind Daddy O's).

THE ARTS, HANCOCK COUNTY WILL HOLD A MEETING Sunday, November 13 at 5 p.m. at 134 Baize, next to Bay City Grill in Bay St. Louis.

All visual artists, writers, poets, musicians, performing artists, artisans in Hancock County are invited to attend.

The meeting will focus on plans for a traveling exhibit of artwork by members. For more information contact Gwen Impson at 228-263-6530 or Angela Sallis at 228-216-7725.

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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION from Coast Transit Authority is available in Hancock County. One bus will run from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday.

The bus will run along Hwy 90 to Bayside Park, Lakeshore Rd., and Diamondhead - Gulf Club Dr. The bus will run to all FEMA trailer sites, Scenic Trails, Gulfview School and the Pearlington Shelter.

Drop-off points will be the Diamondhead Grocery Store, Kmart parking lot, Wal-Mart tent, Rite-Aid, Bay Plaza, Fred's Parking Lot, and all points in between.

Passengers will be able to get off the bus at any location along the bus route where there is a safe area for the driver to pull off the roadway.

Times for the bus will vary while the bus route and routine are further developed. Those wanting to catch the bus are asked to wait along the roadway in a safe location and flag the bus as it approaches.

Please be patient as we continue to refine the bus route and other issues. Maps of the bus route will be available from the driver as well as online at: www.hancockcountyeoc.blogspot.com.

CURFEW INFORMATION

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10 p.m. - 6 a.m. south of the railroad tracks

Midnight - 5 a.m. north of Hwy. 10.

Bay St. Louis - 10 p.m. - 5 a.m.

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FEMA TRAILER INFORMATION

Propane FEMA trailers that run on propane are provided with two small tanks filled. It is the occupant's responsibility to refill the tanks, or to contact their local propane supplier to convert to a larger tank.

FEMA does not continue to provide propane after the first two tanks run out.

Trailer Maintenance Phone Numbers 866/877-6075 (toll-free)

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240/379-3600 (collect calling access)

Trailers are offered only to disaster survivors who register for housing assistance through FEMA. There is no residency requirement for registering within Hancock County or the State of Mississippi.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Hancock County Volunteer Registration Center is currently operating at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library 228/467-5282 and the Kiln Public Library 321/837-6441.

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Applicants must have

driver's license, utility bill, etc.

For more information call Louis Prendergast at 467-4736.

Sports

Bay High Tigers edged out of playoffs by Mendenhall 14-7

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

Well, the Tigers won on Friday night, only it was the Mendenhall Tigers that defeated the Bay High Tigers and not by much. Bay High was eliminated from the state playoffs by Mendenhall on Friday night in Mendenhall 14-7.

Despite the loss, Bay High has had a tremendous season considering where they have come from since August 29th.

The Tigers started out undefeated and put themselves in a position to win the Division 8-4A title. Bay High made the state playoffs and, again, put themselves in a position to pull a playoff upset on the road. The players gave it their all and as coaches, parents and fans that is all that can be asked of them.

Bay High head coach Brennan Comprenetta commented, "We knew coming into the game after watching Mendenhall on film that they were the most athletic team that we had faced so far. Our mindset coming in was to get to the fourth quarter with an opportunity to win the game and we had that opportunity. We just came up a bit short. These players have nothing to be ashamed of because they played their hearts out. I could not have asked them to play any harder than they did."

Since August 29th, it has been a roller coaster ride not only for this team but for the community, as well. The coaching staff was unsure of their ability to field a team after the storm but once Comprenetta and his staff began talking to players, it was apparent that they would not let this season slip by - especially for the seniors.

Comprenetta continued, "I did not want the kids to miss out on this year, especially the seniors. They have been a tremendous group to work with and I am honored to have had the opportunity to coach them. We were also fortunate to pick up a few of the St. Stanislaus players - Kyle Hughes, Buddy Schultz, Bryce Moreale and Matt Matranga. We talked to our kids prior to

getting them and they were very open to it and made them feel welcomed. We are a community here in the Bay-Waveland area and we wanted to have them. They were a joy to have with us."

Bay High started out on offense and Kyle Moran carried the load on the 13-play drive that ended at the Mendenhall 29 yardline. Moran had carries of 7, 6, 9, 5, 6 and 6 on the drive. Bay High was unable to convert on a fourth-and-two situation and turned the ball over on downs.

Mendenhall wasted no time getting to the end-zone on their first possession as Ben Walker carried twice on the four-play drive. His first carry went for 14 yards followed by a 40-yard scoring run with 4:32 left in the first quarter. Deron Dampier connected on the PAT to make the score 7-0.

The Tigers continued to prove that they could move the football as Robert Labat picked up 18 yards followed by some trickery by the Tigers. On a fourth-and-eight, the Tigers lined up in punt formation but snapped directly to Tyler Brush who completed a 37-yard pass to Colby Adam at the Mendenhall 18 yardline.

Two Bay High false start penalties killed the drive there.

Kyle Hughes and company forced Mendenhall three plays and out. Brush carries for 13 yards and completed a 6-yard pass to Trevor Adam on the ensuing drive. However, the Tigers were unable to sustain the drive.

Mendenhall got a first down on a pass interference call on Bay High but Robert Labat intercepted Jason Walker's pass at the Bay High 22 yardline and returned it to the Mendenhall 39 yardline. The Tigers fumbled the ball back to Mendenhall three plays later.

Kyle Hughes, Trevor Adam and Kyle Moran continued to apply defensive pressure to Mendenhall for the next two series and the half ended with Mendenhall nursing a 7-0 lead.

The two teams traded possessions twice to start

the second half. Trevor Adam recovered a loose ball at the Mendenhall 22 yardline which gave the Tigers a short field to work with. Bay High promptly went to the airwaves as Brush connected with Labat for a 22-yard score with :09 left in the third quarter. Moran converted on the PAT to tie the score at 7-7.

Mendenhall answered on the next drive that covered 47 yards due to a short kick by Bay High. Kentrell Cleveland carried the ball four times on the six-play drive that ended with Cleveland covering 19 yards on the touchdown. Dampier converted on the PAT and with 9:34 left in the game the score was 14-7.

The two teams stuffed each other on their ensuing drives before Bay High took over at their own 20 yardline. Bay High was intercepted on the fifth play of the drive to end the surge.

Kyle Hughes led the Tiger defense on the next series, garnering three tackles while Trevor Adam added two more tackles to force Mendenhall to punt away.

Needing as big play following a Bay High penalty, Brush found Trevor Adam down the right side for a 36-yard gain to the Mendenhall 42 yardline. On the next play, Labat had trouble pulling in a Brush pass that would have been a guaranteed score as no Mendenhall player was in the area.

Brush connected with Jason Sims for a 13-yard gain as the time expired on the game and Bay High's season.

Senior linebacker Trevor Adam summed it up, "We had our chances tonight but we didn't capitalize on them. We played our hearts out tonight and have nothing to be ashamed of. We have had an up and down year but we have made the most of it. I hope that my football career is not over but we will see how that goes in the coming months."

Senior Kyle Moran stated, "We felt good out there tonight and played with them. We gave it all we had but losing is still tough."

Kyle Hughes, a dis-

placed SSC player, commented, "We knew coming into tonight that it was an all-or-nothing situation. We played our hearts out tonight and left everything out there. While I didn't finish football as a Rock-a-chaw, I wouldn't trade these Friday nights for anything. It was a chance to finish my senior season and I love these guys. Playing football this year has helped not only the players get a sense of normalcy back, but it has given the Bay-Waveland area hope."

Bay High was led on offense by Kyle Moran who had 51 yards on the ground. Tyler Brush threw for 131 yards on 7-Of-14 passing while Trevor Adam had two catches for 42 yards.

Defensively, Trevor Adam led the way with 13 total tackles and a fumble recovery. Labat added an interception and eight tackles. Kyle Hughes contributed 11 total tackles on defense.

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Sports

Hawks' season finally over

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

The 2005 football season came to a close for the Hancock Hawks Friday night as they dropped a 45-19 decision to the Harrison County Red Rebels.

"This season will not be remembered by what we did on the field, but by how this group of kids battled adversity and never quit on each other," Hawks head coach Walt Esslinger said.

When the final horn sounded it was an emotional time for the Hawks seniors. Facing the fact that this was their last football game brought many of them to tears as they embraced each other and family members.

The Hawks came into Friday night's game with hope that they could be competitive in this game. A bad first quarter, coupled with some frustrat-

ing penalties placed the Hawks in a big hole in which they never would recover. All that was left was to play out the game, and to their credit the Hawks played hard until the end.

Trailing 35-0 in the second quarter, the Hawks put together a 12 play drive that spanned 65 yards for their first score. Chris Jochum started things out with a six yard run, and Andrew Smith then had a nine yard run. Braxton Necaise scrambled for 17-yards, and Necaise then hit Chase McIver for a 12-yard reception, and a first down. Four plays later, Necaise hooked up with McIver again for a five yard touchdown reception. Freshman Ryan Dodd added the extra point, and the Hawks had only their third touchdown of the season in the first half.

The Hawks would get good field position in the third quarter, thanks to a pair of sacks. Joseph Necaise sacked the Rebel quarterback, and then Brently Necaise and Kevin Lafontaine had a sack to force a punt.

The Hawks took over at the 37, and five plays later the Hawks were in the endzone again. Braxton Necaise hit Drew Malley for 15 yards, and Necaise then hit McIver for five yards. Larry Beech ran for four more yards, and then Smith busted around the right side for a 103-yard touchdown. The point after failed, and the score was 42-13.

The Hawks would get the ball back with 5:26 to play in the game, and the Hawks gave their fans one more touchdown to remember. Necaise hit Smith for 19 yards, and Necaise then ran for five yards. Jochum has a nine

yard run, and three plays later it was Smith that capped off the drive with a two yard run. The two point conversion failed, and the final score was 45-19.

Necaise completed eight passes for 79 yards, and five of those were to McIver for 45 yards. Smith carried 18 times for 92 yards.

The Hawks defense was led by Brently Necaise who had 10 tackles, two sacks and a fumble recovery. Lafontaine had two sacks and seven tackles.

"I am very proud of all these kids. They have struggled on the field the last two years, but it says a lot about who they are that they stuck it out to the end," Esslinger said.

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GEORGE**
**PATRICIA
MCGINNIS**
TONY UYEHARA

**CALVIN
BARBETTA**

Calvin Steve Barbetta, 64 of Waveland, MS died Thursday, November 10, 2005 in Meridian, MS.

He was born in New Orleans, LA. He was of the Catholic Faith. He was the owner of Steve Air Condition & Heating.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Gertrude Reber Barbetta, Sr.; and brother, Herbert Barbetta, Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Bermond Barbetta of Waveland, MS; his son, Anthony Barbetta of Waveland, MS; 4 brothers, James Barbetta & wife Florence of Bay St. Louis, MS, Robert Barbetta of Kenner, LA, Kirk Barbetta of Kenner, LA, Brian Barbetta & wife Kathy of Bay St. Louis, MS; 3 sisters, Gerri Atchison & husband Glen of Ft. Walton Beach, FL, Beverly Martinez of Kenner, LA, Carolyn Holland & husband E.J. of Kenner, LA; and one granddaughter and numerous nieces & nephews.

A Visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2005 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS. A Memorial Service will follow at 3 p.m.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

**PAULINE
COMPRETTA**

Pauline "Polly" Compretta, 79 of Bay St. Louis, MS died on Thursday, November 10, 2005 in Meridian, MS.

She was born in Georgia and was a resident of Bay St. Louis, MS for the past 58 years. She was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Bay St. Louis, MS.

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She was a veteran serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II. She was also a member of the American Legion Post #139 in Bay St. Louis, MS.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Joe Compretta; parents, David E. and Don Hudson Brannan; sister, Effie Etheridge; and grandson William Stanley Burch, Jr.

She is survived by her 2 sons J.P. Compretta of Bay St. Louis MS, David A. Compretta of Gainesville, GA; her daughter, Judy Bureh of Waveland, MS, and 7 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

The visitation was held on Saturday, November 12, 2005 from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS. She was buried in Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS was in charge of the arrangements.

ALVIN DILIBERTO

Alvin Dilberto, 81 of Waveland, died Tuesday, November 8, 2005 at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center of Lafayette, LA.

He served in the Merchant Marine during World War II. He was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Sidney Dilberto, Sr. and Genevieve Moynan Dilberto; brother, Henry Sidney Dilberto, Jr.; sister, Rita Mae Dilberto Janata; first wife, Lillian Beer Dilberto; second wife, Elba Acevedo Dilberto.

Survivors include his wife, Anne Harris Dilberto; sons: David Alvin Dilberto and wife, Dianne Trapani Dilberto; and Juan Louis Dilberto and wife, Claudia Lizana Dilberto; daughter-in-law, Linda Palm Dilberto; brother, Jack Gerald Dilberto and wife, Peggy Forester Dilberto; 6 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren.

Visitation was held on Saturday, November 12, 2005, at 10 a.m. with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at St Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Metairie, LA. Interment will follow at Garden of Memories Cemetery on Airline Drive in Metairie.

Donations to the America Heart

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**JEANNINE
GALATA**

Jeannine Odette Galata, 70 of Pearlington, MS died on Tuesday, November 8, 2005 in Slidell, LA.

She was born in Vernon, France and was a resident of Pearlington for the past 34 years. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Vincent Dielsen Galata; parents, Emile & Bertha A. Pellerin Philippe.

She is survived by her children and their spouses, Jean-Luc Plustache & Julie of Slidell, LA, Maurice Plustache & Ivory of Pearlington, MS, Daniel Plustache & Toya of New Orleans, LA, and Denise Bennett & Earl of Pearlington, MS, sister, Gisele Allugehe of Paris, France and 6 grandchildren.

A visitation will be held on Monday, November 14, 2005 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS followed by a Prayer Service at Noon.

Interment will be at 2 p.m. at Biloxi National Cemetery in Biloxi, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

PATRICIA GEORGE

Patricia Ann George, 63 of Bay St. Louis, MS, died August 29, 2005 in Waveland, MS.

She was born Isola, MS and lived in Hancock County for the past 28 years. She was of the Baptist Faith.

She is preceded in death by her son, John George; parents, Alton & Mary Robertson Harmon and brother Jimmy Harmon.

She is survived by her daughter, Anna King of Kiln, MS; 4 sons, Donald George of Miramar, FL, Salvador Harmon of Carthage, MO, Joseph George of Bay St. Louis, MS, and Jimmy George of Bay St. Louis, MS; brothers and sisters, Melvin Larry, and Danny Harmon, Betty Cassard, Dot Grey, and Joyce Bon. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2005 at 11 a.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

**PATRICIA
MCGINNIS**

Patricia Lee Powers McGinnis, 66 of Bay St. Louis, MS, passed away in Andalusia, AL on September 2, 2005, as an evacuee of Hurricane Katrina.

She was in Decorah, Iowa and moved to New Orleans as a young child. She was a captain in the United States Air Force in the 1970s, and a retired nursing teacher.

She is survived by five children, Edward F. McGinnis III of New Orleans, La., Denman O. McGinnis of New Orleans, La., Molly M. Sisson of Statesboro, Vanessa M. Lewy of Slidell, La. and Casey P.P. McGinnis of Picayune, Miss.; sons-in-law and daughters-in-law, Melissa D. McGinnis, Jennifer C. McGinnis, Thomas S. Sisson and Steven J. Lewy; one Step-Daughter, Leslie M. Leonard of London, England and 12 grandchildren. She was a foster mother to Leah Fermin and Nigel Fields.

A Burial Mass will be held Saturday, November 19, 2005, 1 p.m. at St. Clare Catholic Church, Waveland, MS, with burial to follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Bay St. Louis, MS.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the St. Clare Parish Fund, c/o Catholic Diocese of Biloxi, 1790 Popp's Ferry Road, Biloxi, MS 39532.

Hodges - Moore Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

TONY UYEHARA

Tony Uyehara, 81 of Bay St. Louis, MS died Monday, August 29, 2005 in Bay St. Louis, MS.

He was a native of California and a resident of Bay St. Louis, MS. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Carol Zenda; parents, Mr. & Mrs. Toguchi Uyehara.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Walkewich of Bay St. Louis, MS; his daughter, Mary Ann Walker of Dalphne, AL, three grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2005 from 12 Noon until 2 p.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS. A Memorial Service will follow at 2 p.m.

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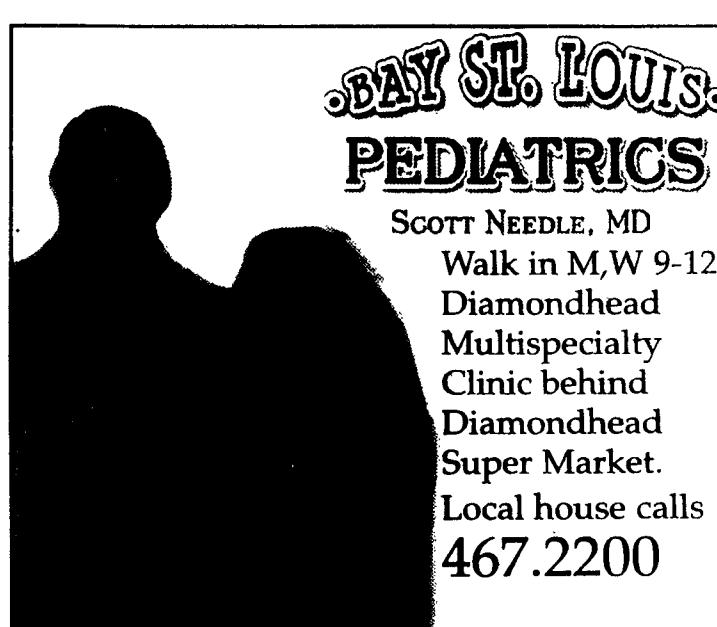
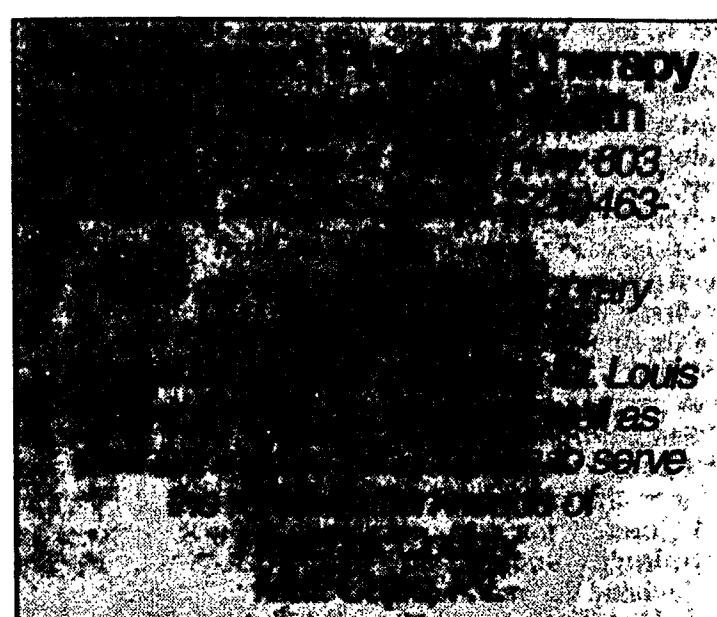
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LOCAL INVESTOR pays top \$ for waterfront damaged homes, land and COMMERCIAL property with quick closing. 228-216-2304. 12/01

BY OWNER: 2BR/3BA, large kitchen, new vinyl siding and roof, raised, waterfront, gutted, \$80,000 or best offer, Bay St. Louis. 504-436-4296. 12/11

TRAVEL TRAILER like new! 2002, 29ft., super slide out, \$15,300., obo. Call 228-222-1344. 11/20

FOR SALE: 1996, 16X80, 3Br/2Ba, mobile home, Katrina damage, is repairable, must move, \$2500/obo, 228-263-6055. 11/20

1999 31FT. BUMPER PULL CAMPER with slide out, queen size bed, very roomy, \$15,500/obo, 504-292-9924. 11/20

LAIDLAW EDUCATION SERVICES now hiring bus-drivers for Bay St. Louis - Waveland school district. CDL drivers license required. Free training. Salary start 9:00hr. Call Gloria 228-466-9002. 12/04

Bid specifications are available, upon request, from the Office of the Board of Supervisors, temporary Board meeting office, 3068 Longfellow Drive, Unit #3, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520, or by calling (228) 216-2039 <Terry>. All envelopes MUST be marked on the outside of the envelope "BID ENCLOSED" and state the "ITEM BID ON" and the bid opening date.

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Timothy A. Keller, Clerk, Board of Supervisors

Hancock County, Mississippi

By: Penny Dean, D.C.

11/13; 11/20/05

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FOR SALE: 2006, 32x80 mobile home with land, \$600/mo., 0 down, 100% financing, 601-798-5213. 12/04

FOR RENT 2 RV SITES off 603, south of Interstate. 228-216-1621. 11/20

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HELP WANTED: X-RAY Technologist, full time position open in coastal area. Fax resume to 1-800-317-2757. 11/24

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POST DISTRICT STATE EXPEN NING FUND E SEPT/REVEN Propt Interest Election TOTAL

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
LARRY J. BENNETT PLAINTIFF VERSUS

LENA COMBEL, IF LIVING, IF NOT, HER UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS; AND TO ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS, FIRMS, OR CORPORATIONS, HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY TITLE, RIGHT OF INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY, DEFENDANTS

NO. C2301-05-888(4)

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: 1) Lena Combel, if living, if not her unknown heirs, devisees and assigns, who are not to be found in the State of Mississippi after diligent search and inquiry and whose last known places of residence, street and post office addresses are and remain unknown to Plaintiff after diligent search and inquiry made by Plaintiff to ascertain same. 2) Any and all other unknown persons, firms or corporations having or claiming to have any title, right or interest in and to real property, described as;

Lots 1 through 28, inclusive, Block 15, of the Bay St. Louis Land and Improvement Company's Second Subdivision of Blocks 15, 16 and 31 of the Bay St. Louis Land and Improvement Company's First Addition to the Town of Waveland, Mississippi, filed by Lena Combel on the 24th day of July, 1907, and recorded at Deed Book B-5, page 583 of the Deed Records of Hancock County, Mississippi. Said plat is sometimes known and is the same as Lena Combel Subdivision of said Blocks 15, 16 and 31.

Said parcel being a square bounded North by Carroll Avenue (unimproved), West by Hart Street (unimproved), South by Edna Street (unimproved), and East by Combel Street.

All as shown by the survey prepared by Josh R. Ladner, PLS, dated May 29, 2004.

YOU HAVE BEEN MADE A DEFENDANT IN THE SUIT FILED IN THIS COURT BY LARRY J. BENNETT, SEEKING ADVERSE POSSESSION.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THIS COMPLAINT OR PETITION FILED AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 1:30 O'CLOCK PM. ON THE 6TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2005, IN THE COURTRoom OF THE HARRISON COUNTY COURT-HOUSE AT GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, AND IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR, THE PETITION WHICH IS FILED WILL BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT YOUR INVOLVEMENT.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 10 day of November, 2005.

(SEAL)

TIM A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK

By: Lorinell Scarborough
Deputy Chancery Clerk
11/13; 11/20; 11/27/05

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF MEGAN SPIERS, A MINOR BY AND

THROUGH HER MOTHER AND NEXT FRIEND,

LISA BENNETT

CAUSE NO. C2301-05-134(1)

SUMMONS

TO: ANY PERSON(S) CLAIMING TO BE THE FATHER OF MEGAN SPIERS, A MINOR, OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY PARENTAL OR OTHER INTEREST IN THE AFFAIRS AND/OR INTERESTS OF MEGAN SPIERS, A MINOR

A Petition has been filed in the above named court regarding your daughter, Megan Spiers, and a possible monetary settlement of a personal injury claim she is pursuing, as fully set out in the Petition on file in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR REGARDING THE PETITION FILED IN THIS MAT-

TER AT 9:00 O'CLOCK A.M. ON

THE 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2005, IN THE COURTRoom OF

THE HONORABLE JIM PERSONS, CHANCELLOR, IN THE HARRISON COUNTY CHANCERY COURTHOUSE AT GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI; AND, IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR, THE PETITION WHICH IS FILED WILL BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT YOUR INVOLVEMENT.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID MCGOWAN, DECEASED WILDER MCGOWAN AND SHARON MCGOWAN, Co-Administrators

CAUSE NO. C2301-05-774(3)

CO-ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PURSUANT TO SECTION 91-7-145, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972

WE, WILDER MCGOWAN and SHARON MCGOWAN, Co-Administrators of the Estate of David McGowan, Deceased, CAUSE NO. C2301-05-774(3), Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, give the following notice: The Estate of David McGowan was opened on the 1st day of Nov., 2005 and Letters of Administration were issued on the 11th day of Nov., 2005. Your Co-Administrators are now issuing their Notice to Creditors and failure to have your claim probated and registered by the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi within ninety days after the date of first publication of the Notice to Creditors will bar your claim.

This the 3rd day of November, 2005.

WILDER MCGOWAN, Co-Administrator

SHARON MCGOWAN, Co-Administrator

11/6; 11/13; 11/20/05

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, until 11:00 a.m., Dec. 5, 2005 and shortly thereafter publicly opened for providing the following:

ONE (1) OR MORE FIRE APPARATUS TANKERS FOR WEST HANCOCK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bid specifications are available, upon request, from the Office of the Board of Supervisors, temporary Board meeting office, 3068 Longfellow Drive Unit #3, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520, or by calling (228) 216-2039 <Terry>, (228) 671-9493 <Peny>.

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Timothy A. Kellar

Clerk, Board of Supervisors

Hancock County, Mississippi

By: Penny Dean, D.C.

11/13; 11/20/05

PUBLIC NOTICE

At the Bay St. Louis City Council meeting to be held on November 15, 2005 the Bay St. Louis City Council will consider authorizing a loan from the Mississippi Development Bank for up to 10 million dollars to assist the city with financing costs of capital projects, to provide working capital and for other purposes related to losses sustained and costs incurred as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

All interested parties are urged to attend. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Depot, 1928 Depot Way, 11/10; 11/13/05

POST 58 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND BEGINNING FUND BALANCE - CASH BASIS SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

REVENUES

Property Taxes \$26,031.90

Miscellaneous 54.00

Interest Earned 333.57

Election Rentals 100.00

TOTAL REVENUES \$26,519.47

EXPENDITURES

Public Safety: Performance Bonds and Insurance \$2,726.00

Truck Fuel 685.43

Utilities: Phone-Water-Power-Heating 4,355.63

Repairs & Maintenance 2,819.39

Miscellaneous 56.92

Equipment Bought 0.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$10,643.17

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE - OCTOBER 1, 2004 \$42,668.25

ENDING FUND BALANCE - SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 \$58,544.55

11/10; 11/13/05

In the suit filed in this Court by Emile Labat, III and Stacie Anne Labat-Llopis White, Plaintiffs, seeking to adjudicate the heirs at law of Emile Labat, Sr. and Emile Labat, Jr.

You are summoned to appear and defend yourself regarding the complaint or petition filed against you in this action before the Honorable Margaret Alfonso at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 7th day of December, 2005 in the courtroom of the Harrison County Chancery Court at 1801 23rd Avenue, Gulfport, MS 39501. In the case of your failure to appear and defend yourself against you for the money or other things demanded in the petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and seal of this Court on the 2nd day of November 2005.

(SEAL)

Timothy A. Kellar

Chancery Clerk

Lorinell Scarborough

Deputy Clerk

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the Chancery Courtroom, located in Harrison County, 1801 23rd Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the petition.

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ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

Sealed bids for roof repairs for Hancock County School District which includes Hancock High School, Hancock Middle School, Hancock North Central Elementary, Hancock Vo-Tech and East Hancock, Hancock County, Mississippi, will be received by the Hancock County School Board at the School District Offices, 17304 Highway 803, Kiln, MS, 39556, until 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 8, 2005, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

Single stipulated sum bids will be received for all work required by the Contract Documents in accordance with the instructions to bidders.

Copies may be obtained at the office of Guild Hardy Architects, P.A., 1041 Tommy Munro Drive, Biloxi, MS 39532, upon payment of a deposit of \$50.00 per set.

Deposit refundable in full to bidders who return the documents in good condition within ten (10) days after bid date.

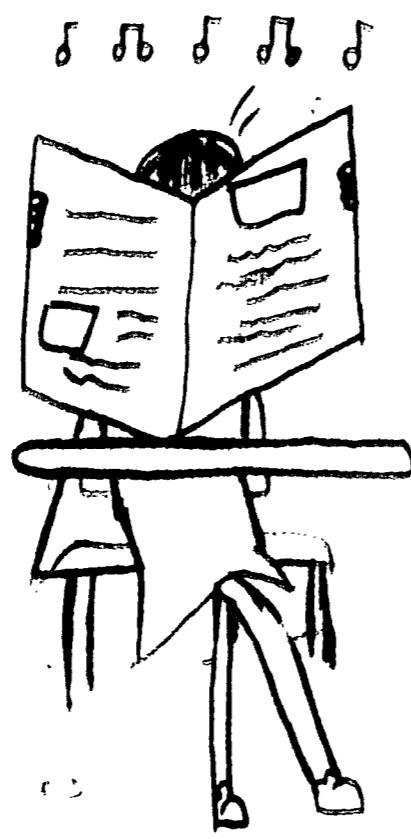
The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all bids.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

Bidders shall comply with law of the State of Mississippi requiring Certificate of Responsibility.

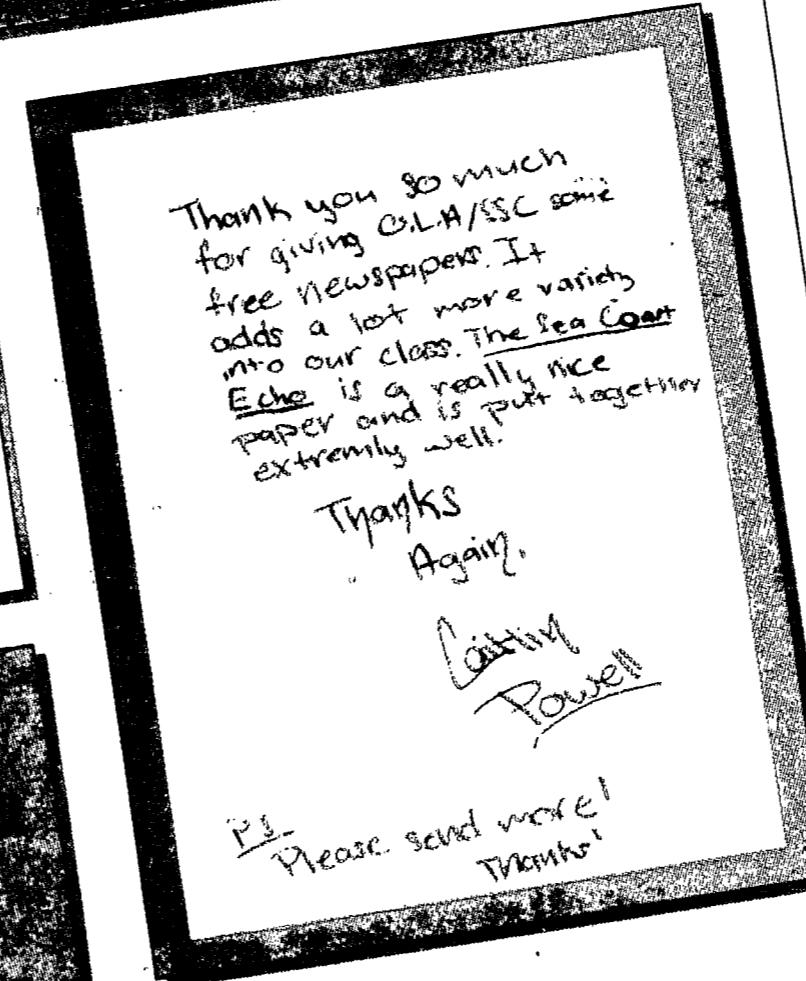
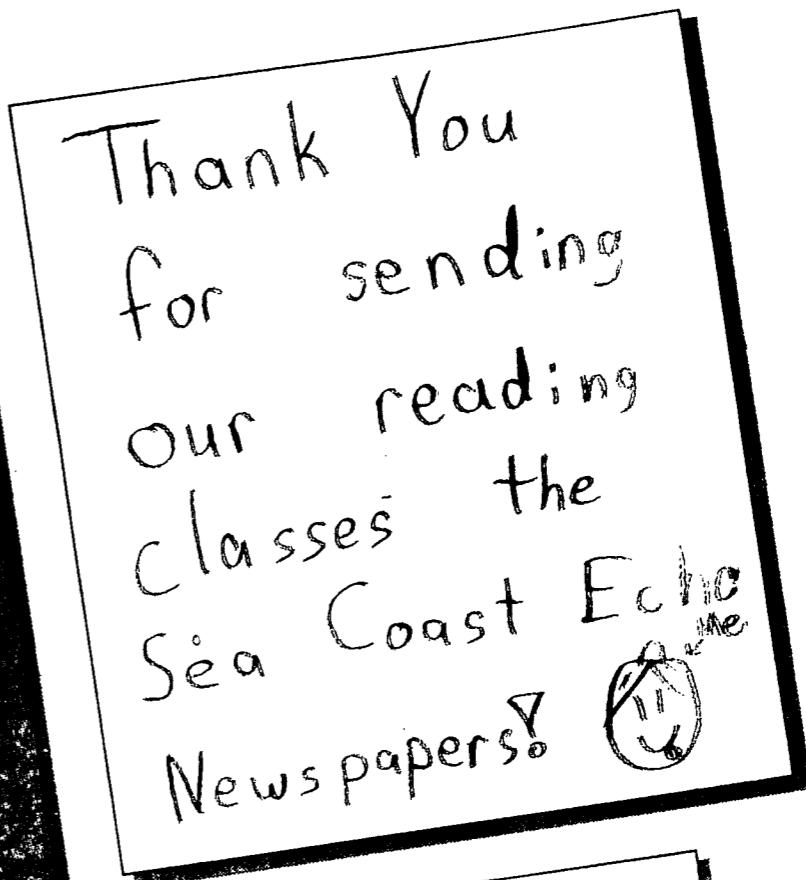
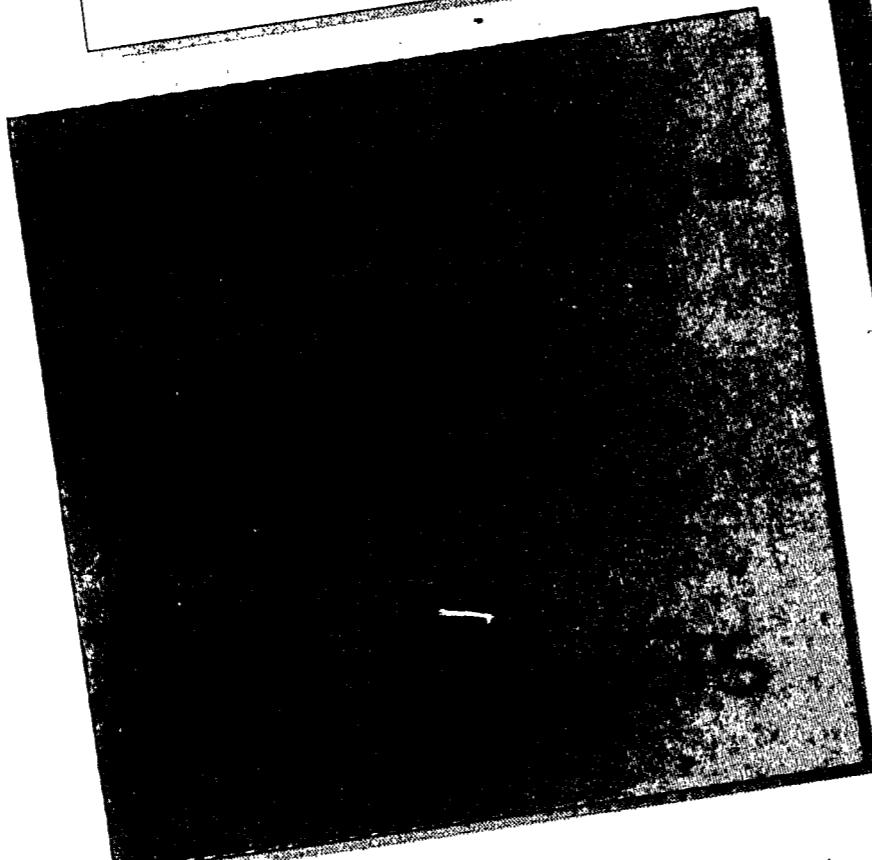
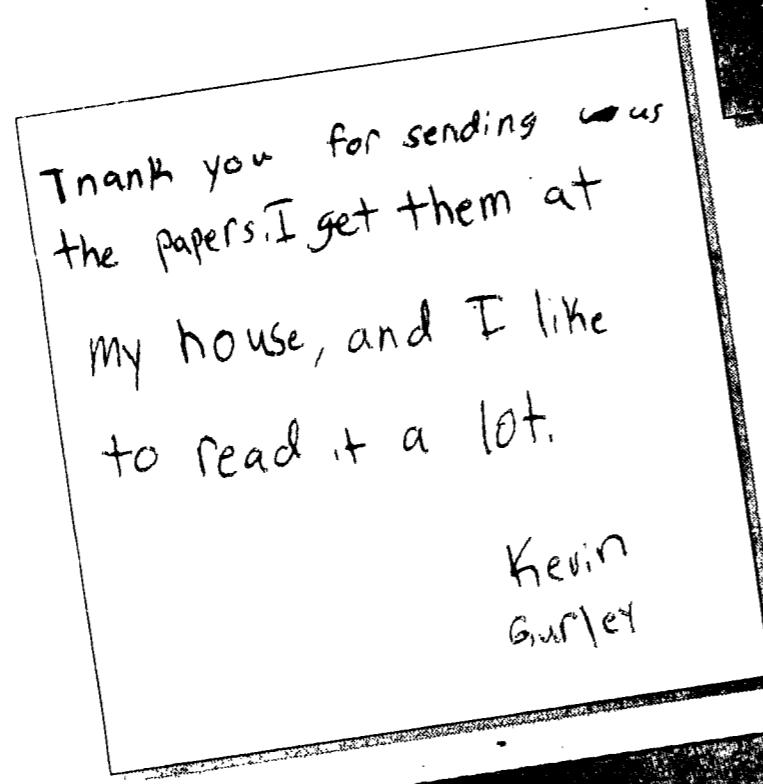
Resident contractors shall, in accordance with laws of the State of Mississippi, be granted preference over non-residents in the award of this contract in the same manner and to the same extent as provided by the laws of the state of domicile of the non-resident.

For information concerning the proposed work, or for appointment to visit the site of the proposed work, contact



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